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Re: Groom Creek Water Board Changes/Proposed increases

Dear Commissioner Mayes,

We are writing this letter as very concerned property owners in Groom Creek, Arizona. We have lived here for almost 20 years as part-time residents. Up until one year ago when the new water board took over, we had never had a problem getting good water at a reasonable price. For years we bragged about how good the water tasted. Now we feel compelled to purchase bottled water and ice because of the poor taste.

Now this new board is proposing exorbitant rate increases as well as huge equipment increases, blaming the previous board for withholding information on proposed street paving and equipment replacement. We believe we had always been informed of any pertinent changes that might affect our rates and water supply. The previous board was run very economically and only had one paid employee, being the bookkeeper. All others were volunteers. We feel that the previous board had the homeowner's best interests in mind and we don't feel that way about the present board. They seem to have forced their way into power through innuendo and vailed accusations about the previous board. We have concerns about the current board's ethics. They now have 3 paid employees and children reading our meters.

Like us, a great number of the property owners in Groom Creek are retired and living on fixed incomes and these 300% rate increases and huge equipment increases are unnecessary and would place a hardship on all of us. As part-timers, we pay for the water for all those months we are not in residence.

We understand reasonable rate increases and equipment costs are necessary to keep the system in operation but feel these requested increases are exorbitant. Please consider carefully these proposed increases in Groom Creek in light of what is really necessary. Also, we have strong concerns that this current water board is looking to build very large cash reserves that they may use at their discretion.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to contact us personally, we can be reached at 928-443-0267 until October 31, 2007. After that date, we can be reached at 480-837-4900.

Sincerely.

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DEAR MS MAYES,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO OBJECT TO THE HORRIFIC AMOUNT OF INCREASE THE GROOM CREEK WATER USERS IS REQUESTING.

AS A PREVIOUS WATER BOARD VICE PRESIDENT FOR MANY YEARS, WE DID A LOT OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE. I DO NOT FEEL THIS DRASTIC AMOUNT OF INCREASE IS NECESSARY, PERHAPS A SMALL INCREASE IS NECESSARY, BUT NOT TO THEIR EXTENT OF A REQUEST.

MOST OF THE FAMILIES THAT LIVE IN GROOM CREEK ARE RETIRED, ON FIXED INCOME AND THIS WOULD BE A HARDSHIP TO JUMP FROM \$14.00 TO \$42.00 BASE PRICE MONTHLY.

THE ROADS COULD WAIT A FEW MORE YEARS PRIOR TO PAVING SINCE THEY WERE NEVER PAVED PREVIOUSLY OR JUST PAVE OVER THEM.

THE VERY SAD PART IS AFTER OWNING A HOME SINCE 1993, WE HAVE HAD TO PURCHASE BOTTLED WATER. SINCE THE WATER BOARD TOOK OVER LAST YEAR, PRIOR OUR WATER QUALITY WAS SUPERB AND WE COULD DRINK IT. THIS IS AN ADDED EXPENSE WE NEVER COUNTED ON.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE LETTERS YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND WILL RECEIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAT HIGHLY DISAGREE WITH THE LARGE INCREASE THE WATER BOARD IS REQUESTING.

SINCERELY.

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